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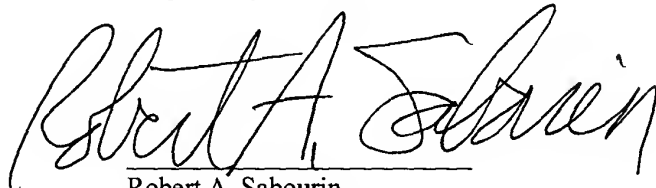
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.63, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant lists, provides copies, and provides concise explanations of the following references recently discovered related to the above-identified U.S. Patent Application.

1. U.S. Patent no. 6,535,307 issued March 18, 2003 to Allen et al. discloses a method and apparatus for displaying image parameters.
2. U.S. Patent no. 6,441,920 issued August 27, 2002 to Smith discloses a system and method for output management.
3. U.S. Patent no. 6,295,133 issued September 25, 2001 to Bloomquist et al. discloses a method and apparatus for modifying raster data.
4. U. S. Patent no. 6,252,676 issued June 26, 2001 to Azima et al. discloses a system and method for proofing.
5. U.S. Patent no. 5,964,156 issued October 12, 1999 to Smith et al. discloses an optimizing workflow in a prepress printing system.

6. U.S. Patent no. 5,791,250 issued August 11, 1998 to Blake et al. discloses a method and apparatus for an automated plate handler with slip sheet removal mechanism.
7. EP 0 767 578 published on April 9, 1997 to Arakawa discloses an image processing method.
8. EP 0 843 284 published on May 20, 1998 to Shiota et al. discloses a picture print generating method and system, and recording medium.

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Respectfully submitted,

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